

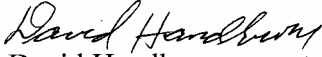
Regarding PUBLIC NOTICE # 2004-0584

This letter is written in support of the Estes appeal to the city of Sunnyvale's decision to allow the removal of only two of the three hazardous redwood trees on their property adjoining ours. We have been the victim of two separate previous incidents where a tree top has been broken off in a wind storm and blown onto our house, causing damage to the inside of the house and the roof on one occasion and damaging the eaves and severely damaging a newly planted big tree on the other occasion.

We get very uncomfortable seeing the way these trees swing and sway toward our house every time a wind storm comes up, wondering if this is going to be third time a tree top is going to hit our house.

We don't know what criteria was used in determining that one of these trees is more beautiful and less likely to snap off in a wind storm than the other two, but in our opinion these trees: offer no beauty(a 90 ft pole with a fringe on top), offer very little shade, continually dropping dead branches and are about as esthetic as the utility pole on our other neighbors property, Therefore we see no logical reason for leaving one of these three trees.

If the city is concerned about neighborhood beauty and residences' comfort then let the Estes develop this corner of their property into something more pleasant looking, safer and useful for their family and their neighbors.


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September 20, 2004

Subject: Review of appeal denying removal of redwood trees.

Please put the following into the record of this meeting:

The beauty and majesty of redwood trees should be appreciated in their natural environment. Redwood trees are a burden on the environment when planted in subdivisions and tracts.

Redwood trees can grow up to 367 feet high and can have a width of 22 feet at the base. They do not have a TAP ROOT! Roots go down only about 10-13 feet before spreading and then can go outward 60-80 feet. Imagine that in an 8000 square foot lot!

In subdivisions they also provide a habitat for all kinds of vermin, rats, roof rats, possums and squirrels. Squirrels may be cute, but they can be hosts for fleas that carry all kinds of diseases transmissible to humans.

I hope the city employees are smart enough to see where their responsibility is and will allow the redwood trees to be removed. Maybe the ordinance the Director of Community claims it is required to enforce needs to be revised - to allow a safer environment in subdivisions for PEOPLE to live.

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